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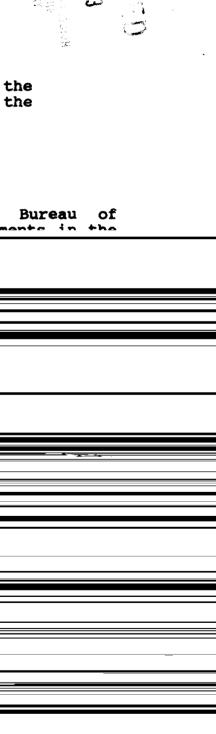
Ms. Donna R. Searcy Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street N.W. Rm. 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Amendment of Section 25.131 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations to Eliminate the Licensing Requirement for Certain International Receive-Only Earth Stations

CC Docket no. 93-23

Dear Ms. Searcy,

Transmitted for filing on behalf of USIA Bureau of Proadcasting is the original and four conies of comments in the



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COMMENTS OF THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY BUREAU OF BROADCASTING

The U.S. Information Agency(USIA) submits its comments in support of the above proceeding. USIA presents news and information about the U.S. overseas. USIA has an international television network, WORLDNET, which utilizes international and regional satellites for transmission of its programs. USIA operates over 300 television receive-only earth stations(TVROs) in approximately 150 countries.

Since WORLDNET was created in 1983, USIA has faced many challenges in obtaining host country approvals for installation of our TVROs overseas. In some cases, the approval and installation process took years and delayed service implementation.

In recent years, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of countries which have deregulated their telecommunications industries. In particular, many countries in Europe allow dishes which are receive-only to be installed without licensing requirements.

USIA believes sharing information is in the public interest and supports eliminating licensing requirements for receive-only dishes

